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Professor H. H. TURNER, D.Sc., F.R.S., PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The President announced that the Council had elected Lady Huggins and Miss Agnes M. Clerke Honorary Members of the Society.

Ole Theodor Olsen, F.L.S., F.R.G.S., 116 St. Andrew's Terrace, Grimsby;

Captain Ernest W. Owens, Local Marine Board, Dock Street, E.;

Captain B. F. Stevens, Letts Green, Knockholt, Sevenoaks, Kent; and

Rafel Patxot Jubert, Passeig Bonanova 64, Barcelona, Spain, were balloted for and duly elected Fellows of the Society.

The following were proposed by the Council as Associates of the Society:—

M. G. Bigourdan, Observatoire, Paris;

Professor G. W. Hough, Director of the Dearborn Observatory, Evanstown, Ill., U.S.A.;

G. W. Hussey, Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, Cal., U.S.A.; and

Professor Max Wolf, F.R.A.S., Astrophysical Observatory, Königstuhl, Heidelberg, Germany.

The following candidates were proposed for election as Fellows of the Society, the names of the proposers from personal knowledge being appended:—

Rev. E. Goetz, S.J., Director of the Astronomical and Meteorological Observatory, Bulawayo, Rhodesia (proposed by Rev. W. Sidgreaves);

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A. E. Hodgson, Natal Observatory, Durban, Natal (proposed by Dr. W. J. S. Lockyer);

H. Ě. Zufur Jung, G.C.B., Military Minister to His Highness the Nizam, Hyderabad, India (proposed by R. Wigglesworth);

Percy Lankester, Highwood House, Kingston Hill, Surrey (proposed by Captain P. Thompson);

Thomas Robson, B.A., Science Teacher, 14 King's Road, Doncaster (proposed by J. A. Barringer); and

Benjamin Spencer Wolfe, M.A., Senior Mathematical Master, Victoria College, Jersey (proposed by Bryan Cookson).

Sixty-six presents were announced as having been received since the last meeting, including, amongst others:—

J. Boccardi, Guide du Calculateur, 2 vols., presented by the author; F. Bidschof, Katalog von 2417 Sternen für 1885.0, presented by the author; Heidelberg, Astrophys. Observatorium, Publikationen, Band 1, presented by the Observatory; J. A. C. Oudemans and J. Bosscha, Galilée et Marius, presented by Professor Oudemans; Astronomischer Jahresbericht, Band 4, 1902, presented by Dr. Wislicenus.

Extract from a Letter from Dr. Th. Albrecht, Vice-Director of the International Geodetic Bureau.

The Central International Geodetic Bureau has just received your letter of April 3, and learns with great interest of the resolution passed by the Council of the Royal Astronomical Society at their meeting on March 13, with regard to the augmentation of the International Latitude Service by a series of observations in the southern hemisphere. The Central Bureau is the more gratified at this decision, since it had proposed in June 1896, seven years before Professor Chandler, that observations should be made on the parallels of Sydney, Cape Town, and Santiago. (See Verhandlungen der in Oktober 1900 in Lausanne abgehaltenen Konferenz der permanenten Kommission der internationalen Erdmessung.). . .

[The remainder of Dr. Albrecht's letter refers to a printers' error in the proof of Mr. Chandler's letter which was sent to the International Geodetic Bureau, for which Mr. Chandler was in no way responsible, and which is corrected in the copy printed in the *Monthly Notices*.]

Potsdam: 1903 April 8.